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1. EMBOFF. CONVERSATION WITH SHOHEI KAWAKATSU, CHIEF. JOINT
ECAFE/FAO AGRICULTURE DIVISION, INDICATES GROWING CONCERN THAT
PROF. RAYMOND BILLINGSLEY. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE. TEXAS A&M
WHO IS CANDIDATE FOR DEPUTY POSITION SUBJECT DIVISION, IS
HAVING DIFFICULTY IN NEGOTIATING FOR UN RANK D-1. UNNY HAS
OFFERED BILLINGSLEY P-5. KAWAKATSU FEARS BILLINGSLEY WILL NOT COMPROMISE

REGARDING RANK AND THUS HIS SERVICES WILL BE LOST TO ECAFE.

2. VIEW TOP PRIORITY GIVEN BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MARAMIS TO THE
DEVELOPMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE. THE CLEAR MANDATE GIVEN THE
JOINT ECAFE/FAO DIVISION. THE DESIRE OF KAWAKATSU FOR
BILLINGSLEY AS DEPUTY AND OUR CONTINUING INTEREST TO PLACE U.S.
CITIZENS IN THE UN FAMILY ESPECIALLY IN KEY ROLES IT BEHOOVES
USG TO SUPPORT BILLINGSLEY'S CANDIDACY IN EXTRAORDINARY FASHION.

3. PLEASE ADVISE STATUS OF UNNY. BILLINGSLEY RANK NEGOTIATIONS.
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